

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this amendment, claims 6-7 and 15-16 are canceled, claims 1, 12, and 20 are amended, and new claims 21-23 are added. No new matter is introduced. Support for the amendments and new claims may be found at least at page 3, line 1 to page 8, lines 4 and page 11, line 27 to page 12, line 7 of the specification. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 20 is objected to because of an informality. Claim 20 has been amended to correct the informality. Withdrawal of the claim objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (a) over U.S. Patent 6,604,813 to Sitbon et al. (hereafter Sitbon). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 6-7 and 15-16 have been cancelled, rendering the rejections of claims 6-7 and 15-16 moot.

Sitbon is directed to an application integration tool for integrating applications into a data processing platform. Sitbon focuses on application integration with tools by automatically creating integration scripts for already installed application, and not on facilitating the installation and distribution of software applications. See column 2, lines 29-31 and column 8, lines 55-57 of Sitbon.

In contrast, amended claim 1 recites: “delivering software product’s tools to managed nodes, the delivering step comprising: copying or packaging the software product’s tools into software depot directories created during software initialization; providing agent filesets for installation on the managed nodes; and using software distributor commands to automatically distribute the agent filesets to the managed nodes.” Sitbon does not disclose or suggest these features. Therefore, amended claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-5 and 8-11 are allowable because they depend from allowable claim 1 and for the additional features they recite.

Regarding claim 12, for at least the same reason as stated above with respect to claim 1, Sitbon does not disclose or suggest “a module for delivering software product’s tools to managed nodes, the module for delivering comprising: a module for copying or packaging the software product’s tools into software depot directories created during software initialization; agent filesets to be installed on the managed nodes; and software distributor commands that automatically distribute the agent filesets to the managed nodes,” as recited in

amended claim 12. Since Sitbon does not disclose or suggest all of the elements of amended claim 12, claim 12 is allowable.

Claims 13-14 and 17-19 are allowable because they depend from allowable claim 12 and for the additional features they recite.

Regarding claim 20, for at least the same reason as stated above with respect to claim 1, Sitbon does not disclose or suggest “delivering software product’s tools to software depot directories to be installed on managed nodes using software distributor command; the delivering step comprising: copying or packaging the software product’s tools into software depot directories created during software initialization; providing agent filesets for installation on the managed nodes; and using the software distributor commands to automatically distribute the agent filesets to the managed nodes,” as recited in amended claim 20. Since Sitbon does not disclose or suggest all of the elements of amended claim 20, claim 20 is allowable. Withdrawal of rejections of claims 1-5, 8-14, and 17-20 is respectfully requested.

New claims 21-22 and 23 are allowable because they depend from allowable claims 1 and 12, respectively, and for the additional features they recite. For example, Sitbon does not disclose or suggest “assigning the tools to roles via an authorization model associated with the SCM module; assigning the roles to non-root users via the authorization model; and running commands or options specified in the tools by the non-root users, based upon the roles assigned, on one or more of nodes associated with the SCM module without external authorization,” as recited in claim 22.

Similarly, Sitbon does not disclose or suggest “a service control manager (SCM) module that runs on a central management server (CMS), the SCM comprising: roles that are assigned to users and that define which tool users can run; and an authorization model that authorizes the users to run the tools on the nodes based on the roles assigned to the users, wherein the authorization model assigns the roles to non-root users so that the non-root users can run commands or options as root users on the nodes,” as recited in claim 23. Therefore, the new claims are allowable.

In view of the above remarks, prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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